

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the courtesy of the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on October 28, 2008.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the above-identified application

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Bracamonte et al. Claim 1 is amended to recite features neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art, namely,

... an approximate-expression table including a plurality of different **predetermined** sample data sizes and a plurality of **predetermined** approximate expressions which correspond to said plurality of different **predetermined** sample data sizes, respectively ...(Emphasis added).

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the amendment of claim 1 appeared to overcome the rejection, but required further consideration. Accordingly, that amendment is being filed so that it can be considered.

Claims 2-6 and 12-13 ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2-6 and 12-13 are likewise allowable over the art of record.

Claim 7, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 7 is also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

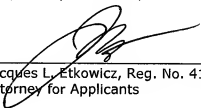
Claims 8-11 and 14-15 ultimately depend from claim 7. Accordingly, claims 8-11 and 14-15 are likewise allowable over the art of record.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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